

**RESOLUTION NO. 74455**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
SAN JOSE APPROVING THE CITY'S COMMITMENTS TO  
BECOME A MEMBER OF GREEN CITIES CALIFORNIA  
AND EXPRESSING THE CITY OF SAN JOSE'S  
COMMITMENT TO WORK COOPERATIVELY WITH  
OTHER CALIFORNIA LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO  
ACCELERATE LOCAL, REGIONAL, NATIONAL AND  
INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE  
SUSTAINABILITY BY INFLUENCING POLICIES,  
PRACTICES AND LEGISLATION**

**WHEREAS**, the cities of Berkeley, Los Angeles, Pasadena, Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco, San Jose, Santa Barbara, Santa Monica and the County of Marin met in October 2007 and prepared a draft resolution announcing the formation of "Green Cities California," and outlining the commitments of public agencies to accelerate sustainability efforts locally and internationally by becoming a member of Green Cities California to be .0submitted for approval to the Council or Board of each participating agency; and

**WHEREAS**, members of Green Cities California recognize that for the first time in history the majority of the planet's population now lives in cities, and that continued urbanization creates a new set of environmental challenges and opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, members of Green Cities California recognize that local environmental problems including air pollution, water pollution, solid waste, traffic congestion, and the ubiquity of toxic chemicals in the environment contribute to significant public health impacts in our cities; and

**WHEREAS**, Green Cities California recognize that current global environmental challenges related to the over-consumption of natural resources, climate change, peak oil, availability of clean fresh water, food security, and environmental justice put cities and residents at serious risk and require immediate action at all levels; and

**WHEREAS**, members of Green Cities California have individually expressed our commitments through the adoption of: local sustainability plans, the United Nations Urban Environmental Accords, and the U.S. Conference of Mayors Climate Protection Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, members of Green Cities California have individually developed visions for a sustainable future and have demonstrated leadership in achieving effective solutions to these environmental challenges; and

**WHEREAS**, through Green Cities California actions, the City of San Jose ("City") has significantly reduced greenhouse gas emissions, reduced the amount of solid waste entering landfills, reduced the amounts of hazardous and toxic materials entering the environment, reduced water use, improved water quality, improved air quality and improved quality of life for our residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to join with the Cities of Berkeley, Los Angeles, Pasadena, Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco, Santa Barbara, Santa Monica and the County of Marin to create Green Cities California, to cooperatively and collectively take action to accelerate local, regional, national and international efforts to achieve sustainability;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE THAT:

The City's commitments to become a member of Green Cities California, as specified below are hereby approved:

1. Combining forces with other Green Cities California members to influence State and National sustainability policies and practices.

2. Collaborating with other local governments throughout the state and the nation to adopt and implement sustainable policies and practices.
3. Working to achieve the following objectives for municipal operations:
  - a. In 2007 – 08:
    - i. Purchase of “100% post-consumer recycled” paper for all City operations.
    - ii. Eliminate the use of City funds for purchase of single serving bottled water.
  - b. In 2008 – 09:
    - i. A campaign for City purchase of local California foods.
    - ii. A carbon offset plan for City employee air travel.
    - iii. Emission reduction standards for City vehicle fleets.

ADOPTED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2008, by the following vote:

AYES: CAMPOS, CHIRCO, CHU, CONSTANT, CORTESE,  
LICCARDO, NGUYEN, OLIVERIO, PYLE, WILLIAMS,  
REED.

NOES: NONE.

ABSENT: NONE.

DISQUALIFIED: NONE.

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CHUCK REED  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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LEE PRICE, MMC  
City Clerk

